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SCARCITY OF FUNDS FOR AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agricultural Universities/Institutes in the country are not functioning properly due to the scarcity of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken thereon; and

(c) the details of the infrastructure and financial assistance provided to the States for agricultural research and education?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Agricultural education being a State subject,Agricultural Universities mainly depend on the irrespective State Governments for financial needs, which is limited and these institutions are not able to exploit their full potential.However, the Agricultural Institutes under ICAR are comparatively better funded and priortise their research agenda for optimized resource utilization.

(b) & (c): Department of Agricultural Research and Education do not provide financial assistance to the States however,limited central assistance is extended to State Agricultural Universities in the form of development grant including infrastructure development to support educational issues of national importance.The details of such financial assistance during the three plan period is as under:-

	(Rs. in Lakhs)
IX Plan (1997-2002)	21305.00
X Plan (2002-2007)	101985.00
XI Plan (2007-2012) (Approved)	227665.00